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### FASCIST VAN NOSDALL SEEKS PROFIT THROUGH "AIDING" REFUGEES

Organizes Book Sale Naming Two Fictitious Committees as Beneficiaries --  
Head of Crusaders for Americanism and Friend of Bund Uses Jewish Names --  
Secretly Promises to Give the Bund \$500 Out of the Sale Proceeds

George Van Nosedall, corpulent chief of the fascist Crusaders for Americanism, Inc., working in close cooperation with Kuhn's German-American Bund, is not averse to making money through selling books under the excuse of aiding German and Jewish refugees. The Hour has at its disposal a catalogue, advertising a book and manuscript auction in New York for December 5, 6 and 7, the cover of which was later reprinted with alterations, among other changes postponing the sale until December 12, 13 and 14. The original unaltered cover reads: "Unrestricted Public Auction. A Magnificent Collection of Rare Books -- First Editions -- Autographs -- Manuscripts. By order of Louis H. Bloch and S. H. Braunstone, attorneys, New York City. American Committee for Christian Refugees and Jewish Refugee Committee, New York City, Will Benefit in the Proceeds from This Sale." The sale was set to take place at Steinway Hall, 111 West 57th Street, under the management of the New York Book and Auction Company of the same address.

Nowhere in the catalogue could a mention of Van Nosedall's name be found, but that Van Nosedall is the man behind the sale has been established with absolute certainty by The Hour as well as by several anti-Nazi and anti-fascist organizations of New York. Moreover, Van Nosedall is reliably reported to have said to a close circle of his Bundster friends that he will give the Bund the sum of \$500 out of the proceeds of this sale. He remarked that Jews are book-lovers and book-buyers and that he will get Jewish money in this way for his and the Bund's needs.

Committees Non-Existent -- Attorneys Represent Themselves Only

The Hour has established that the two organizations to aid refugees, mentioned in the catalogue, are non-existent. There is, indeed, in existence the American Committee for Christian German Refugees of 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City, of which Mr. James M. Speers is chairman and Dr. Thomas Mann honorary chairman, and which is often rep-

resented by the executive secretary of its department of education, Dr. Ernst W. Meyer. But neither this Committee nor any of its officers is in any way connected with the sale organized by the fascist Van Nosedall. In fact, the names of the bona-fide Committee and that of Van Nosedall's creation are not entirely identical, for the fascist left out the word "German" in the title of his non-existent Committee. The two attorneys, whose names adorn Van Nosedall's catalogue, represent no organization Jewish or Christian, but serve their own personal interests.

When reprinted, the catalogue omitted the names of the attorneys and of the two fictitious committees, but enough book-buyers have received the original unaltered issue to may want to come to the sale under the notion that at least part of their money would help refugees. Certainly neither of the two editions mentioned the name of Van Nosedall and his fascist affiliations.

#### Van Nosedall's Close Tie With Bund

That Van Nosedall and his Crusaders for Americanism have more than a nodding acquaintance with Kuhn's apparatus may be judged from a striking similarity between application blanks for membership in the two respective organizations. The blanks at *The Hour's* disposal show precisely the same text and even typographical makeup, except for the two different names, Crusaders for Americanism, Inc., with an accompanying picture of the American flag, and German-American Bund, with the symbol of the swastika in a corresponding spot.

We also have in our files a leaflet advertising a meeting at the Tri-Boro Palace on June 27, 1939, with a speech by the Bundster Wilhelm Kunze on "Judaism Desperate, details of the dastardly Attacks upon Fritz Kuhn, Father Coughlin, W. D. Peley, Gen. Mosely, and other Christian Leaders by the Jews and their Stooges. ... Under Auspices of Crusaders for Americanism, Inc." On July 25 and other occasions the meetings of Crusaders were attended by a number of Bundsters in their Nazi uniforms and addressed by Kunze, Van Nosedall and other fascists with speeches full of vicious attacks upon democracy and, of course, Jews.

One day last summer Van Nosedall declared that he was resigning from presidency and leaving his organization, but actually he has continued his anti-Semitic work with the Bund to this day.

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#### KUHN'S HEIR TOO?

With Fritz Kuhn sentenced on December 5 as a common thief to a term of from 2½ to 5 years in Sing Sing, the German-American Bund finds itself in a bad way for leadership. Willy Luedtke and James Wheeler-Hill are due to be tried for perjury shortly, and *The Hour* learns that G. Wilhelm Kunze, Kuhn's heir-apparent, has by his odd testimony bared himself to income tax evasion charges.

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## NEW WAVE OF RACIAL HATRED PLANNED FOR NEW YORK

December 18 Set as Opening Date -- Coincides With  
Father Coughlin's Sales-Drive Entitled "Forward America"

New York is to experience another siege of racial antagonism, similar to the one which disturbed America's largest city last winter and spring. The Hour learns that a fresh understanding has been reached by the various Christian Front organizations to renew on a wide scale last season's method of soap-box speeches and street sales of anti-Semitic literature. Among the cooperating groups are the Christian Mobilizers, the American Nationalist Party, the German-American Bund, and the Social Justice Distributors Club.

Of special significance is the fact that the new drive is to begin on December 18, the same day which Father Coughlin has announced as the starting point in his drive to gain 200,000 new readers for Social Justice. In the December 4 issue of his weekly, the Radio Priest calls this new effort of his a "Forward America" drive. Coughlin promises to give away the neat amount of \$15,000 in cash and automobile prizes; among the latter there are to be Cadillac, Packard, Lincoln-Zephyr, Chrysler and Ford cars. The Hour learns that to spread Coughlin's literature and other similar publications, the various fascist, anti-Semitic and Coughlinite groups are preparing to invade the streets of New York in bands of twenty, making their rounds more regularly than they did in the last campaign.

## "Blitzkrieg" Carefully Prepared

When questioned by a reporter for The Hour as to the organizational details of the new drive, a Christian Mobilizer who sells many of the anti-Semitic periodicals said: "We'll have five watchers for every salesman and we don't give a damn what the cops do. This time we're not going to let the .....-Jews drive us off the streets. We're prepared for anything." Asked as to what preparations had been made to bail out the salesmen and watchers that might be arrested, the Mobilizer said: "We've got a bail fund that would knock your eyes out. We've also got a set of lawyers that've promised to spring us as fast as we get arrested. There won't be any repetition of last year when our sluggers turned yellow. Our sluggers have been in training for four months now. They know exactly what to do. The little red stinkweed (Mayor LaGuardia) won't be able to stop us either, because for every man he arrests there will be two to take his place."

To the inquiry as to how much anti-Semitic literature the fascists expect to sell, the Mobilizer answered: "We don't care how much we sell. We have to make New York Christians race-conscious. That's our job, and we're going to do it."

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## COUGHLINITES IN PHILADELPHIA PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

## Order 100,000 Anti-Semitic Leaflets

The Coughlinites of Philadelphia have placed an order for 100,000 leaflets for Christmas distribution. The leaflets are already printed, but are guarded zealously so that no outsider should see them until the day of release which is set for the height of the pre-Christmas rush, some ten days from now. The correspondent of The Hour did, however, succeed in seeing a sample. The face of the leaflet reads: "Don't Strike The Jew; Don't Be Rude To The Jew; And Don't BUY From The Jew. Christmas is a Christian holiday, not a Jewish REAP day." The reverse side reads: "Keep America Out of War. Rosen(ve)felt and his Jewish Supporters are Trying To Have Christians Fight Their Battles."

An interesting sidelight is the fact that printing was done in the shop of an anti-Semitic Negro of Philadelphia (for particulars of this and other evidences of the Coughlinites' anti-Semitic and anti-democratic work among the Negroes see The Hour for November 11, page 4).

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## MYSTERY FASCIST PLANE OVER CHICAGO

## Drops Thousands of Vicious Leaflets

Early last week a mystery plane flew over the northern side of Chicago, dropping thousands of fascist anti-Semitic leaflets. It concentrated its work over school buildings, at the time when school children were out on the streets going home. Many of the children indeed picked up the leaflets and brought them home to parents. The neighborhood of Clark Street and Broadway was especially well covered.

The leaflet is not a new one. It comes from the West Coast, and it reads: "Christian Vigilantes Arise! ... Boycott the movies! Hollywood is the Sodom and Gomorrah where international Jewry controls vice -- dope -- gambling, where young Gentile girls are raped by Jewish producers, directors, casting directors who go unpunished." The reverse side defends Hitler and accuses Jews of "war-guilt."

The police of Chicago are investigating the occurrence.

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## FIVE CROSS BURNINGS BY KLANSMEN IN NEW JERSEY

The Hour learns that five burnings of crosses by Klansmen have taken place in Jersey City, N. J., since October 15. On each occasion leaflets were distributed condemning "Popism and Romanism." Practically every burning has occurred within a short distance of a Catholic church. A meeting of Klansmen took place in a Protestant church in West New York, New Jersey, with King Kleagle Arthur Riggs Bell directing the Konklave. (For our previous data on the Klan see The Hour for December 2.)

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## MRS. DILLING EXPANDS TO OREGON

## Among Leaders of Fascist "Truth for Students"

Elizabeth Dilling, the Midwestern fascist of Red Network fame, has of late been expanding in the direction of the Northwest. While residing in Kenilworth, Illinois, a small town near Chicago, she is also one of the leaders of Truth for Students, a fascist organization located at Corvallis, Oregon. Her associates in this group are Dan Gilbert, A. D. Weir and Edna L. Esson.

Dan Gilbert, although a young man, was at one time a Silver Shirt leader in San Diego, California, and at another the editor of a reactionary information bulletin in Washington, D. C., where he stayed for several months. The bulletin belonged to the Reverend Gerald B. Winrod of Wichita, Kansas, editor and publisher of the fascist Defender. Gilbert is the author of Crucifying Christ in Our Colleges; he calls himself "Dr." in an article appearing in Walter S. Steele's National Republic for October, 1939, under the title "The Godless at Work." In his writings, Gilbert attacks all liberal thought in schools and colleges of America and blames various New York philosophers for the radicalism of American youth.

A. D. Weir, executive secretary of Truth for Students, and Edna L. Esson, treasurer, are both of Corvallis, which is the seat of Oregon State College, a land-grant institution of higher learning. The aim of Mrs. Dilling, Dan Gilbert and their associates is to develop a fascist and anti-Semitic movement among the students of the West and other regions under the mask of fighting atheism and liberalism in America's schools. The pamphlets of their organization are very small in size and can easily be carried in a pocket.

Mrs. Dilling, in addition to her Red Network, is also the author of Borah Boring Within and Roosevelt's Red Background. Interviewed by our Midwestern correspondent, she denied that she was an anti-Semite, this despite the fact that in her writings, when mentioning a radical, she makes a point of describing his Jewish ancestry real or fictitious. This past summer she visited the country of her inspiration, the Nazi Reich, whence she returned on the Bremen's last voyage to America prior to the outbreak of the war (see page 5 of our issue for September 9).

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## KULLGREN'S SHEET IS SPREAD IN MIDWEST

William Kullgren, the California fascist who publishes a sheet called America Speaks (see The Hour for October 14 and November 4), is now spreading his literature in the Middle West. He is attempting to fill the gap caused by the disappearance of Raymond Joseph Healy's Key, which used to be published in Chicago. Kullgren's writings are full of pro-Nazi and anti-democratic utterances. In the past he has openly cooperated with the Nazis of Los Angeles.

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